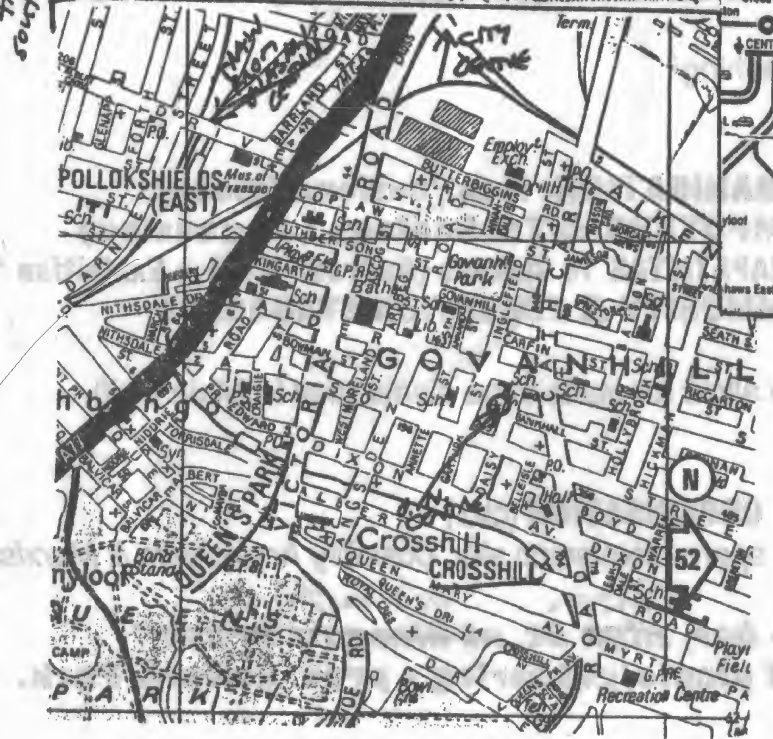


Arrivals by Bus at Buchanan Bus Sta.
Train from east at Queen St. Sta or south, Central Sta.
Trains from Central Sta. above ground to Govanhill - Neilston or Newton lines, get off Queens Park or Crosshill. Bus44 from Union St., or 5 from St. Enoch Sq get off Victoria Rd, 2nd stop. Or 12 from Union St., get off Calder St., 2nd stop.
Rendezvous Fri * Cairns Bar, Miller



St. down from George Sq. off Argyle St. from 8pm. (don't ask at bar!)
Sat. eve social is at (T.B.C.) on pub on next to Govanhill is 2 miles due south of City Centre. Daisy St. is between Calder and Allison Streets. It is not near Govan!

CELEBRATION OF ANARCHISM

Programme & Information brochure

Glasgow - 1996

A 'Summer School' of debate and discussion, with relevance to a changing world.

Saturday 24th August 1996

Govanhill Neighbourhood Centre, Daisy St.

The 'Summer School' was the initiative of Robert Lynn, a Glasgow anarcho-syndicalist who was active for over 50 years until his death on Friday 16th August. He would have wanted the event to continue and we trust you will see the event as a **TRIBUTE** to his life-long struggle.

We thank you for taking up this opportunity and registering a place. We had a rendezvous on Friday 23rd in the Cairns Bar & ph. contact at 427-6398 or 634-1126.

You have been placed with Glasgow people if you have indicated a need for a place to stay, either at the Friday rendezvous on Friday or informed at the Registration desk on Saturday morning. Bring sleeping bags.

On the Sunday 25th, the coach trip organised by Robert, for a scenic day out of the city, has been cancelled following his untimely death. For those interested, Sunday events such as city walks & a picnic will be arranged. A social has been arranged for Sat. evening after 8pm. New venue to be announced following cancellation of Auld Burnt Barns.

Thanks to those who have donated towards the costs. Donations from others are welcome if possible.

Make sure you bring this mailing with you!

Celebration 96 Timetable of Workshops etc.

Please note that the event in Govanhill is only booked between 10am & 5pm so please try and arrive on time & move between workshops with minimum of bother.....ta!

From 10.00am Assemble, Stalls, tea/coffee. **Creche** available (maximum 7 kids, by prior booking, Room 4)

From 10.30am Assemble, Main Hall. 10.40 Welcome address & Helpful pointers to weekend's action.

11.00 - 12.15 First Session of Workshops

Main Hall
Small Hall

JOBSEEKERS ALLOWANCE (intro by Edinburgh Claimants
EGOISM & ANARCHY intro by Donald Rouum (Freedom)

Lunch 12.15/1.00 in Cafeteria

1.15 - 2.30 Second session of Workshops

Main Hall
Small Hall
Additional Room (18)

ANTI - ELECTION STRATEGIES intro. Tyneside A.G.
IRELAND/National Liberation intro by W.S.M, Dublin.
WORKPLACE STRUGGLES including dock workers.

2.30 - until 2.45, small break for tea, leg stretching!

2.45 - 4pm

Third Session of Workshops

Main Hall
Small Hall
Cafeteria space
Additional Room (18)

ORGANISATION: local/national/global
COMPUTERS & Technology (discussion)
90s ZAPATISTAS in Chiapas (Andrew- WSM + Exhibition
COMMUNITY & EDUCATION STRUGGLES

Brief Report -back of Sessions 4.05-4.50pm,

Small Hall

(to allow for stalls to be dismantled in Main Hall).

Supplementary Session: **Solidarity Centre,**

Royal exchange Court, City Centre.

5.50pm - 7.20pm,

Meeting Room
Office Room

ORGANISATION (ctd.)

spare discussion slot, possibly *Anarchism & Marxism*

The Bank *Queen downstairs*
Social from 8pm to be re-arranged, provisionally Tolbooth bar, High St. at Glasgow Cross

Sunday: Bus -run (Cancelled due to death of Robert Lynn). Informal picnic/gathering - prov. Queens Park.

EASTER RISING April 3-4 Glasgow 1999

The three day Mayday '98 event in Bradford attracted well over a hundred participants to the themed discussions, with dozens more attending fringe workshops/talks. Glasgow Easter Rising is not intended to rival Bradford in size and scope, but to continue the process of engaging in discussion which informs our future actions.

We would not pretend that the pre-consultation process prior to this April event has been ideal, and unlike with the *northern anarchist network* support for the West Yorkshire organisers, it has sometimes seemed as if we were disturbing the winter hibernation habits of the of the anarchist/ social ecologist/ libertarian communist milieu.

Hopefully, what we have arrived at will cater for your needs, combining two days of themed discussions for the more committed participants, with the late afternoon public forums for those with less time to spare.

It is appreciated that a journey to Glasgow can involve more costs, and for this reason there is NO registration fee. We may, however, encourage donations, by local people etc. to avoid the event being too great a drain on our funds. We have included a where-to-stay guide with this mailing together with some info on 'eats' near the venue etc., acceptable watering-holes, and an idea of the socialising aspect of the event.

It is vital that you respond if you intend attending. Obviously, if you are wanting crash-space or bringing kids & require a creche, have special needs etc. this is especially vital. However, even if you're making your own B&B arrangements, it would be helpful to estimate numbers so that we could book additional rooms, or slot in additional public forums.

No doubt an event on the scale of Bradford will follow, perhaps in 2000, but making this Glasgow event a success would be a step in this direction, if not a great leap forward. With the spate of elections this year, with special significance for Wales and Scotland, our response needs to be clarified. There is, above all, the June 18th period of imaginative protest against the global marketplace in Koln, London and other centres of modern capitalism. Sharpening up our strategy and objectives can only aid the direct action which will hopefully involve thousands and not be distorted by the media circus.

It would be a great help to us in Glasgow if you could respond with the following deadlines in mind, By **post**: to reach us by Saturday 20th March, preferable [27th latest if you need to forewarn us]. By **telephone**: answerphone messages or occasional personal contact up to 8.30pm Monday 22nd preferable [see below], or 29th at latest. By **e.mail** up to 6.30pm Monday 22nd, or a week later if you make a 'late decision'. As mentioned above anybody requiring even crash-space should make an effort to forewarn us.

Agenda for themed discussions

As in Bradford there will be discussions in groups of hopefully no more than 20 which can allow everybody to feel comfortable with contributing. As in Bradford, we will try and allocate people to groups that are geographically diverse in origin. We will be sensitive to gender factors, especially if we know in advance of any 'imbalance'. There will be at least one 'facilitator' who will have an enabling role to avoid the discussion being bogged down, to prevent one or two voices or egos from 'dominating', and to assist debate observing levels of mutual respect and tolerance. Below we indicate some of the themes we would expect groups to follow. In addition to a facilitator for each day, we will need a recorder, so that some of the more salient points can be noted for posterity and future reference. Volunteers for facilitator and recorder roles please feel free to contact us a.s.a.p..

Time isn't elastic, so we need to try and keep to a schedule. Here's what we have in mind.

Friday 2nd April

Day for travellers outside central Scotland to arrive. We will arrange an evening rendezvous and can meet you at bus or train stations, or where airport link buses arrive from Glasgow or Prestwick airports. As it is the Easter weekend a lot of people will be travelling, so if you want to take advantage of apex bus [incl. *National Express* or train fares [*GNER*, *Virgin*] or the various 'cheap' airline operators [*Easyjet*, *Midland*, *Ryanair*, *Go*] - Luton, Stanstead etc. act now! Hitching, you take your chance, but please don't arrive before Friday!

Places to Stay & misc Info

We will have a number of places in our flats for a maximum of 3 nights stay [leave Monday]; possible crash places at a Kinning Park community complex; you can phone Glasgow University to arrange low-price b&b [£17ppn] or self-catering [£13ppn] 0800-0272-030; you can stay at the Backpackers Hostel, Independent hostel or the YWCA in Newton Tce.; you can book accommodation via Tourist Information 0990 992244. Local guest houses near Queens Park include Glades 423-4911, Regent 422-1199 & Reidholme 423-1855. Camping would only be advisable in a private back garden, phone us - also while far south of the Arctic Circle, Glasgow is often damp! The other three Glasgow senior football teams are playing away, but Celtic [95% Season tickets out of 60,000 capacity, are home to Dundee, 551-8653]. We aim to arrange socials, with clubbing on Sunday night for those who are entertainment minded. If there is a demand, & weather permitting we can have a walk, game of football, picnic etc. on 'Easter Monday' before people leave.

Saturday 3rd April

Travel to Govanhill Neighbourhood Centre, Daisy St.- between Calder St. & Allison St..

Trains from Central Station [above ground] get off at nearest station, Queens Park, Victoria Rd. exit on lines to Newton or Neilston.

12 bus to Calder St.; 2nd stop, 5,44*,66* bus [incl. a services] to Victoria Rd., stop before Allison St.; 19,31,37 & 74 to Cathcart Rd, get off before or after Calder St.; 89 from Byres Rd*, via Govan, get off Pollokshaws Rd. at Allison St. [all *First Bus*]; 96/96a *Arriva* from Whiteinch>Kinning Park> Allison St., alight at Langside Rd.;

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To invest our hopes for the future in political change, confined to the level at which we are governed and taxed, without a clear approach to the economic dynamic of capitalism, which continues to ravage the planet and exploit us all for profit, is frankly misguided. Independence and self-determination is an illusion within capitalism. No amount of fervour for a Scottish republic can escape this reality. We cannot take our desires for reality within the world as it is.

DEMOCRACY IS AN ILLUSION

We are being positive in declaring these facts. To state that a devolved assembly or an independent Scotland can 'tame' capitalism and significantly alter our lives is "leading people up the garden path". Also, instead of manipulating people, as all Parties, the Left included, by presenting an incomplete picture of how we are able "to make a difference", we prefer to destroy illusions rather than foster them.

We live in a cynical age, it's hardly surprising given the bad reputation that anything political has, from corruption to atrocities. But being 'cynical' is a pattern of adjustment to life as it is. In this "post-modern era" it has become 'common sense' to do people down or act selfishly because nobody expects that people keep to an ethical, caring attitude, or if they do so, they have ulterior motives. Instead of cynicism, we offer skepticism and a streetwise realisation that we are all inherently equal as humans in a world we have no right to destroy. However, many of us are psychologically damaged and distorted in our actions by our adherence to an unjust world and all the false justifications that scapegoat people according to age, sexual preference, disability, gender and race/ethnicity/language. We are all individual and different and have great scope for a diverse contribution to the society around us. Our worth is distorted from childhood and this contributes to how difficult it is for all of us to throw off these shackles & bad attitudes. Don't let them ground you down!

STATES TERRORISE !

The perspective we have today has been trailblazed by others throughout history. In the past century, anarchists, anarcho-syndicalists, libertarian socialists, council communists, situationists and social ecologists have understood the merits of questioning Growth; mutual aid; no justice, no peace; class war against the boss class, etc.. While many made mistakes in this process, it has been the role of States and would-be-States [Parties] to distort this legacy. We are wise today that you cannot blow up a social relationship. However bad one tyrant is, liquidating them leads to another taking their place, accompanied by repression, while the population is mobilised against 'terrorism'. In youth it is easy to be impatient, but unless forced to by circumstances, you have to organise, despite setbacks, in an open way, conscious that tiny minorities cannot bounce people into a new society that is not their own making.

Our alternative isn't simply a 'talking shop'. Around the globe, resistance occurs to companies against exploitation of people and the environment. The example of the Zapatistas from the Chiapas province of Southern Mexico demonstrates that international solidarity can be generated using technology such as the internet to stimulate resistance and debate. Similarly, direct action and mass demonstrations - such as in Hyderabad, India - have occurred against the multilateral agreement on investment and the role of institutions such as the G8 summit, International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

We are not misguided to believe that all of those engaged in a wide variety of workplace, community and environmental struggles are united in support of a Declaration such as this. However, widespread realisation is growing that popular sentiment for self-determination, accountability, autonomy from manipulation, and so on, is limited if there is acceptance that the capitalist system is a fact of existence. Reforming capitalism other than superficially, is "pie in the sky".

This is the outlook we invite you to share. Those of us who are not distorted by purely selfish or egotistical motives, aspire for a better world for our children. Many of us, even those who have "given up on humanity" are outraged at the destruction of natural finite resources and the creatures that also inhabit this planet. We are all flawed, but we can raise ourselves from our condition by consciousness linked to action. There is no blueprint for change, but at least we have no more illusions!

There is no half-way house to social revolution. We are therefore not drawn into pressing for change which does not significantly undermine the global capitalist economy. National self-determination, even if expressed in an enlightened, liberal fashion, only alters life superficially. If you agree with this perspective we invite you to get in touch, and link up with us

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By e mail: radfest@yahoo.com

Web page: www.geocities.com/

capitolhill/1931/radfest.html

Phone: 0141-427-6398 apart from Monday nights

between 7.45-8.45pm - 0141-552-5519.

You can fax 0141-810-3001 but no

later than mid-afternoon 1st April.

Reading material: many of you will get this with

Counter Information 52 to save mailing costs.

Note however, that the clydeside organisers are a

more diverse group, the anarchist circle.

Refer also: Class War 73 "Open letter"

info on eats, drinks etc to be incorporated



Dear Friend,

Thank you for supporting the Anarchist Summer School. The two and a half day event was an overwhelming success. On the Monday afternoon many people asked the question "Where do we go from here". This response showed that interest in Anarchist ideas existed and this may be the ideal opportunity to reform an Anarchist group in Glasgow.

On the strength of this we have booked Room 8 in the City Halls on the 30th of this month between 7.30 and 9.30pm to have a public meeting with the intention of forming a new group. We most cordially invite you to come and participate at the meeting.

I must stress however regular attendance at group meetings will be critical to the group's survival. Poor attendance at meetings will mean the group will dwindle and quickly disappear,

Hoping to see you on the 30th,

Temporary Secretary

On behalf of Glasgow Anarchists.